

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

*Please amend the Abstract as follows:*

A beverage filling method and an apparatus to perform the beverage filling method,

wherein a liquid is delivered from a storage tank into a filler tank of a filler, and the liquid is filled into containers by the filler. The method is characterized in that the liquid in the filler tank is returned through return piping attached to the filler tank and refluxed to the storage tank through a reflux path. According to this method, an excess of liquid in the filler can be circulated throughout the entire line.